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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR & RD Department - Sri C.Venugopal, the then I/c Executive Engineer, RWS&S Department, Vizianagaram and retired as Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj - Allegations of non functioning of Water Testing Laboratories, Parvathipuram & Vizianagaram – Disciplinary proceedings initiated against him by issuing of Article of Charges, under Rule-20 of AP Civil Services (CC & A) Rules, 1980 – Written statement of defense submitted – The Engineer-in-Chief, PRED has submitted his report on the WSD of Charged Officer - Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.474

Dated:11.08.2023.

Read the following:-

1. From the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj Engineering Department, Hyderabad, Lr.No.Vig(1)/25035/08, Dt:25.02.2013.
2. From the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj Engineering Department, Hyderabad, Lr.No.Vig(1)/25035/08, Dt:16.07.2015.
3. G.O.Rt.No.159, PR&RD (Vig-I) Department, Dt:19.02.2016.
4. From Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj Engineering Department, Vijayawada, Lr.No.Vig.(1)/25035/08, Dt:19.03.2019.
5. Govt., Memo No.5348/Vig-I/2013, PR&RD (Vig-I) Dept., Dt:08.08.2019 and reminded on 30.06.2021.
6. From the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj Engineering Department, Vijayawada, Lr.No.Vig.I/25035/2008, Dt:27.04.2023.

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ORDER:-

In the references 1st and 2nd read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj Engineering Department, Hyderabad, has submitted his report to Government on the "allegations of non functioning of Water Testing Laboratories, Parvathipuram & Vizianagaram and inspite of release of funds and diversion of Government funds and keeping the both laboratories in idle condition" and proposed to initiate disciplinary action against Sri C.Venugopal, the then I/c Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vizianagaram for the above said irregularities.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, Government have initiated disciplinary proceedings against Sri C.Venugopal, the then I/c Executive Engineer, RWS&S Department, Vizianagaram by issuing the article of charges against him under Rule-20 of A.P.Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991, on allegations of non functioning of Water Testing Laboratories, Parvathipuram & Vizianagaram, with a direction to submit his written statement of defence.

3. In the reference 4th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj Engineering Department, Vijayawada has furnished the written statement of defence (WSD) of the charged officer, Sri C.Venugopal, the then I/c Executive Engineer, RWS & S Department, Vizianagaram and retired as Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, wherein he has stated that he worked only for five (5) months during the period and furnished the list of his predecessor officers and successor officers during the period 2006-07 to 2013-14 and stated that the WQM Labs at Vizianagaram and Parvathipuram were not kept idle and functioned well and he has requested to drop charges against him.

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4. In the reference 5th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj Engineering Department, Vijayawada,has been requested to furnish remarks on the written statement of defence of the charged officer for taking further action.

5. In the reference 8th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj Engineering Department, Vijayawada, has submitted his detailed report of the Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Vizianagaram and he has informed that the Charged Officer, Sri C.Venugopal, the then I/c Executive Engineer, RWS & S Department, Vizianagaram and retired as Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, had taken over the charge as Executive Engineer, RWS, Vizianagaram on 11.02.2008 and he was discharged duties from 11.02.2008 to 21.07.2008 i.e., 5 months and 11 days. The Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Vizianagaram has verified the water samples test reports for the year 2007-2008 to 2008- 2009, and informed that both Labs at Vizianagaram and Parvathipuram are functioning during the said tenure. The Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Vizianagaram has opined that the charge "Non functioning of water testing Labs at Vizianagaram and Parvathipuram for more than one year i.e., from 01-04-2008 and non-payment of bills/diverted the funds towards operation and maintenance of Labs at Vizianagaram and Parvathipuram are held not proved.

6. After careful examination of the entire issue, Government have decided to drop further action against Sri C.Venugopal, the then I/c Executive Engineer, RWS & S Department, Vizianagaram. Accordingly, Government hereby drop further action against Sri C.Venugopal, the then I/c Executive Engineer, RWS & S Department, Vizianagaram and retired as Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj.

7. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada, shall take necessary further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B RAJSEKHAR
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P, Vijayawada
Sri C.Venugopal, the then I/c.EE, RWS&S Department, Vizianagaram and retired as Superintending Engineer, PR,
through the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

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The OSD to Hon'ble Dy.C.M for PR&RD.
The PS to Spl.CS. to Govt, PR&RD Dept.,
The PR&RD (Estt-I) Department.
The Accountant General, AP, Vijayawada.
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